

County of Orange Health Care Agency Health Disaster Management/Emergency Medical Services 405 W. Fifth Street, Suite 301A Santa Ana, CA 92701

Education & Training Advisory Sub Committee

Wednesday, May 7, 2014 9:00 a.m.

MINUTES

MEMBERSHIP / ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS
Patrick Powers, EMT-P
Shelley Brukman, RN

Ernest Foster, EMT-P Larry Grihalva, MICP Patrick Hernandez

Lori Mayfield Jerry Melendrez Tammy Messmer Maryle Olivier, RN Rikin Patel Ray Shanahan

Ray Shanahan Shadrach Smith, EMT-P

REPRESENTING

Lynch Ambulance Service
UCI Medical Center
AmeriCare Ambulance Service
Saddleback College
CalMed Ambulance
NPSC

NPSC Care Ambulance Service

Cavalry Ambulance Service UCI Medical Center Premier Medical Transport Care Ambulance Service Paramedic Advantage

MEMBERS

Kristin Thompson, RN Edward Valdez Division Chief Api Weinert

STAFF PRESENT

Philip Froman, MD Mike Delaby, RN, EMT-P Laurent Repass, NREMT-P Vicki Sweet, RN, Eileen Endo

REPRESENTING

Anaheim Fire Department
NPSC

Laguna Beach Fire Department

REPRESENTING

EMS Physician Specialist Facilities Coordinator OC-MEDS Program Manager ALS Program Coordinator Office Specialist

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the chair, Patrick Powers at 9:05 a.m.

II. INTRODUCTIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Self-introductions were made. Shadrach Smith announced that Paramedic Advantage recently was approved to offer paramedic skills testing by the National Registry. Currently, they may offer skills testing for the paramedic, advanced EMT and EMT.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MSC: Minutes from the November 6, 2013 and January 8, 2014 meetings were approved as submitted.

IV. OCEMS REPORT / CORRESPONDENCE – Reported by Mike Delaby:

- Facility Designations: Mission Hospital and Western Medical Center/Santa Ana will undergo reverification/ redesignation as a trauma center by the American College of Surgeons in June. Children's Hospital of Orange County has submitted an application for designation as a pediatric trauma center. Orange County EMS is currently evaluating the request.
- **Policy/Procedures:** Several policies and procedures have been released for 50-day public comment with the public comment period ending on May 20, 2014. The goal is to update policies to ensure that they meet system standards in order to benefit the system as a whole.
- Staffing Changes: With the retirement of the ALS Program Coordinator and the departure of the BLS Program Coordinator, OCEMS is recruiting for these positions and for additional staffing to deal with current and anticipated workloads.
- Online Certification and Accreditation System Update: Presently, EMT Certification/Accreditation
 and MICN Authorizations may be completed online. Paramedic Accreditations will soon be processed
 online. It is anticipated that all ambulance vehicle licensure may be completed online by the end of the
 calendar year.

 OC-MEDS: Approximately 98% of field data from ALS providers is submitted via OC-MEDS and it is anticipated that field data from all ambulance providers will be submitted through the system by June, 2015. Future quarterly activity reports will be produced using State of California core measures. The system activity reports will replace the existing OC-MEDS newsletter.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

OCEMS EMT Accreditation Curriculum Revision Update:

While no report on the revisions was made, Committee members discussed making available the lecture component of the EMT Accreditation training online with skills being completed in a classroom environment with an approved continuing education provider. Committee members asked whether online continuing education could be provided via OC-MEDS.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

OCEMS Policy/Procedure #315.00: EMT Scope of Practice: EMT OCEMS Accredited

This policy is out for public comment until 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 20, 2014. It was noted that while state regulations allow EMTs to administer certain medications (such as aspirin) or use specific equipment (such as CPAP) under the EMT Scope of Practice, EMTs in Orange County are not permitted to do so. Committee members discussed the revision of Orange County EMT Scope of Practice and the reasons (pros and cons) of allowing EMTs to administer all allowed medications or use of specific equipment as mandated under State law.

• OCEMS Policy/Procedure #330.65: Patient Refusal of Prehospital Care AMA:

This policy is out for public comment until 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 20, 2014. Quite a bit of public comment has been received on this policy. Vicki Sweet indicated the importance of protecting the provider agency, field personnel and the patient. It is likely that this policy will be re-released for additional public comment before it is finalized.

VII. <u>DISCUSSION ITEMS</u>

- EMT Training Program Documentation Requirements for OCEMS: State law mandates that EMT training programs must submit a class roster for each initial and recertification EMT training course being taught. At the present time, Orange County EMS is only received documentation from some EMT training programs. Ms. Sweet stressed the importance that Committee members submit these rosters as mandated under state law.
- HPP and MRC Program Training Opportunity: The Orange County Health Care Agency's Environmental Health program will be hosting a HPP and MRC training opportunity on Wednesday June 25, 2014, title "Radiological/Nuclear Awareness" in their building on Wednesday, June 25, 2014.
- OCEMS Policy/Procedure #430.10: Accreditation to Practice ALS Personnel (Policy Update): This policy was released in 2013 for 50-day public comment. Changes to this policy include the requirements for local accreditation for 9-1-1 ALS paramedic, IFT-ALS paramedic, and air medical paramedic. This policy became effective April 1, 2014.
- OCEMS Policy/Procedure #330.75: Tactical Medicine (New Policy): This is a new policy which became effective on April 1, 2014. Prior to his departure, Mike Noone had been in process of developing the accreditation component of this policy. A report will be given on the status of this policy will be made at a future meeting.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

• **Upcoming Standing Orders and Policies:** Orange County EMS has posted two new BLS Procedures that will become effective September 2, 2014 on to the OCEMS website. These are the primary and secondary survey in the field. Mr. Delaby indicated that these have been posted to allow inservice training to take place.

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Completed EMT Documentation: Mike Delaby asked providers to remind their employees that
complete copies, such as copies of the front and back of a CPR card, clear and signed CE slips, etc.,
must be submitted. If complete documentation is not provided, this may delay the processing of his/her
EMT certification. Committee members discussed the impracticality of providing a preprinted continuing
education certificate.

IX. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 2, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. Please note this meeting will be held in Conference Room 433.

X. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.